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Dear Mr. Lifton:

I have been informed by Mr. Dick Bernabei that you are interested in contacting me on matters concerning President Kennedy's assassination. It appears from the correspondence that Mr. Bernabei has left it to me to initiate the contact.

I have virtually no knowledge of the sort of work you are engaged in at the present time in relation to the assassination nor am I too familiar with that which you have done in the past. I imagine you know little of what I am doing so let me give you some sort of background.

I am currently a high school senior. My work on this case has consumed roughly four years, dating back to early 1966. The controversy of that time attracted my attention and inspired me to purchase the 26 volumes in an effort to satisfy my growing curiosity. For a while, I was mostly garnering things from other published works in addition to the hearings. Twice in 1968 I went to the National Archives to study the films and the ballistics evidence, and the good part of my research up to this year involved analysing the pictures. The only area of the assassination which really involves me is the shooting itself and the various physical things which relate to it. I completed the first draft of a book over the summer of 1969, but I was forced to scrap that due to a great change in my thinking, motivated by the evidence which I unfortunately did not properly understand in certain aspects. Now, I am working on another draft which will definitely be made into the final draft and, hopefully, published.

I hope you understand that since I have intentions of publishing that I am limited in what I can tell you. I do not know what the case is with you. However, I imagine that I could provide assistance to you in certain matters which perhaps will not touch on my book or which would not be major to it.

Why don't you write me and explain your position--what you are doing and what you feel would be the most beneficial to the both of us.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain

Sincerely,

Howard Hoffman

cc. Dick Bernabei